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KING GUILLERMO WORKS SWIFT FIVE FURLONGS IN :58.20 FOR KENTUCKY DERBY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020) – On the first day of Churchill Downs' exclusive training period for contenders preparing for the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) and \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), **Victoria's Ranch's King Guillermo** posted a flashy five-furlong move Saturday in :58.20 – the fastest of 40 horses at the distance.

Trained by **Juan Avila**, King Guillermo was one of two Kentucky Derby contenders on the track from 7:30-7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern). The \$600,000 Arkansas Derby (GI) runner-up rolled through splits of :11.40, :23, :34.80 and :46.60 with a strong six-furlong gallop out in 1:10.80 under jockey **Miguel Mena**. Florida-based rider **Samy Camacho** will ride on the first Saturday in September.

"You can sometimes get a little bit worried when horses work that fast but he did it so effortlessly," Mena said. "He has an unbelievable stride and is pretty tough in the bridle. When I broke off from the pony, he really wanted to go. He continued out really well around the turn and onto the backside."

The main track was listed as "muddy" to start training on Saturday but was upgraded to "good" following the 7 a.m. renovation break. Saturday also was the first morning of updated training hours which were adjusted 15 minutes earlier to 5:15-10 a.m.

Raymond Daniels and **Wayne Scherr**'s former \$100,000 claim **Necker Island** also was on the track during the exclusive training window. The chestnut colt galloped about 1 ½ miles under **Hillary Hartman**, the wife of his trainer **Chris Hartman**.

Also on the track at 7:30 a.m., **Flurry Racing Stables**, **Qatar Racing Limited** and **Big Aut Farm**'s multiple graded stakes winner **Shedaresthedevil**, who breezed six furlongs in 1:11.60 under exercise rider **Edvin Vargas** for the Kentucky Oaks. The duo worked through fractions of :12.60, :24.20, :35.40 and :59.

Jockey **Florent Geroux** will have the call on Shedaresthedevil in the Kentucky Oaks for trainer **Brad Cox**. Following Shedaresthedevil's breeze, Cox's second Kentucky Oaks contender, **Juddmonte Farm**'s \$400,000 TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) winner **Bonny South**, galloped about 1 ½ miles under **Gustavo Abrego**.

The next expected local workout for the Kentucky Derby will be **Enforceable** at 5:15 a.m. on Sunday.

Other Derby contenders based at Churchill Downs are **Attachment Rate**, **Major Fed**, **Max Player** and **Winning Impression**.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION – Several Kentucky Derby contenders have yet to converge on Churchill Downs but are scheduled to arrive in the upcoming week. The following is the latest arrival information, according to senior director of the stable area **Steve Hargrave**:

- Monday or Tuesday via van from Skylight Training Center to Churchill Downs: **Art Collector** (trainer Tommy Drury)
- Tuesday via flight from San Diego to Louisville: **Rushie** (Michael McCarthy)
- Aug. 30 via flight from New York to Louisville: **Caracaro** (Gustavo Delgado) and **Ny Traffic** (Saffie Joseph)
- Aug. 30 via van from Florida to Louisville: **Sole Volante** (Patrick Biancone)
- Aug. 31 via flight from San Diego to Louisville: **Authentic** (Bob Baffert), **Honor A. P.** (John Shirreffs), **Storm the Court** (Peter Eurton); and **Thousand Words** (Baffert)
- Aug. 31 via flight from New York: **Dr Post** (Todd Pletcher) and **Tiz the Law** (Barclay Tagg)

Details on the arrivals of **Finnick the Fierce** (Rey Hernandez) and **Shirl's Speight** (Roger Attfield) have not been finalized. On the Longines Kentucky Oaks front, \$600,000 Alabama (GI) winner **Swiss Skydiver** is expected to arrive at Churchill Downs on Tuesday via plane from New York. Swiss Skydiver's main rival in the Oaks, multiple Grade I winner **Gamine**, is scheduled to arrive with the other Baffert trainees on Sunday, Aug. 31.

KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD RUNDOWN: The possible field, in order of preference, for the 146th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) (with jockey): **Tiz the Law** (Manny Franco); **Authentic** (John Velazquez); **Art Collector** (Brian Hernandez Jr.); **Honor A.P.** (Mike Smith); **Ny Traffic** (Paco Lopez); **King Guillermo** (Samy Camacho); **Thousand Words** (Florent Geroux); **Dr Post** (TBA); **Max Player** (Ricardo Santana Jr.); **Caracaro** (Javier Castellano); **Enforceable** (Adam Beschizza); **Rushie** (TBA); **Major Fed** (James Graham); **Storm the Court** (Julien Leparoux); **Attachment Rate** (Joe Talamo); **Sole Volante** (Luca Panici); **Finnick the Fierce** (Martin Garcia); **Winning Impression** (Joe Rocco Jr.); **Necker Island** (Miguel Mena); and **Shirl's Speight** (Corey Lanerie).

OAKS-BOUND DONNA VELOCE DRILLS SIX FURLONGS AT DEL MAR – **Donna Veloce**, a stakes winning filly who is headed for the Grade I Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs on Friday, Sept. 4 for her next start, turned in a six-furlong work for that test at 12:45 p.m. Friday at Del Mar.

The daughter of Uncle Mo, owned by **Kaleem Shah** and **Mrs. John Magnier**, had **Flavien Prat** up as she covered the distance in 1:11.60 on a fast track during a sunny afternoon at the seaside oval. Her trainer, **Simon Callaghan**, looked on.

She started her work at the five-furlong pole, went her first quarter in :25, her second in :47.80 and hit the finish line in :59.80. She then continued on another furlong to her final time and finished up by galloping out seven eighths in 1:26.20.

The bay was an \$800,000 2-year-old in training sale acquisition and – in four starts all told so far – has earned \$490,000. She captured Santa Anita's Santa Ysabel Stakes on March 8 in her most recent out. Last year she won her first start in September at Santa Anita, then came back to just miss in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies on Nov. 1 at Santa Anita. She completed her year by finishing second again in the Grade I Starlet at Los Alamitos in December.

KENTUCKY OAKS FIELD RUNDOWN: The possible field, in order of preference, for the 146th running of the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) (with jockey): **Swiss Skydiver** (Brian Hernandez Jr.); **Speech** (TBA); **Bonny South** (TBA); **Shedaresthedevil** (Florent Geroux); **Venetian Harbor** (TBA); **Tonalist's Shape** (TBA); **Project Whiskey** (TBA); **Donna Veloce** (TBA); **Gamine** (John Velazquez); **Hopeful Growth** (TBA); **Tempers Rising** (Julien Leparoux); and **Dream Marie** (TBA).

KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS WORKOUTS TO BE STREAMED LIVE MONDAY – Churchill Downs Racetrack will provide live online streaming of Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders' workouts when the exclusive 7:30-7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern) training window starting on Monday.

The live stream presented by TwinSpires.com will be available at multiple sources including on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentuckyderby; on Twitter via @KentuckyDerby and www.twitter.com/kentuckyderby; on YouTube at www.youtube.com/kentuckyderby; and www.kentuckyderby.com/workouts

The live video will include graphics to identify each horse and commentary from an array of industry experts including: Churchill Downs Host and Racing Analyst **Joe Kristufek** along with TwinSpires.com Racing Experts **Scott Shapiro**, **Ed DeRosa**, **Brandon Stauble** and **Chantal Sutherland**.

A special 15-minute session from 7:30-7:45 a.m. is exclusive to Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks participants and any workmates. The specially-made Derby and Oaks saddle towels must be worn to gain access to the racetrack during that window.

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DOWN THE STRETCH – Sackatoga Stable’s Kentucky Derby favorite **Tiz the Law** had his scheduled Saturday work delayed until Sunday due to inclement weather at Saratoga. ... Trainer **Tommy Drury** reported Friday following Blue Grass Stakes (GII) winner **Art Collector**’s half-mile move in :49.10 at Skylight that the colt would likely ship from his Goshen, Ky. base to Louisville early next week.

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